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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Public Meeting of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

**AGENCY:** Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (the Commission) will conduct its twenty-first meeting on May 27, 2015. At this meeting, the Commission will discuss the role of deliberation and deliberative methods to engage the public and inform debate in bioethics, and how to integrate public dialogue into the bioethics conversation; bioethics education as a forum for fostering deliberative skills, and preparing students to participate in public dialogue in bioethics; goals and methods of bioethics education; and integrating bioethics education across a range of professional disciplines and educational levels.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Wednesday, May 27, 2015, from 9 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** University of Pennsylvania Henry Jordan Medical Education Center, 5th Floor Lobby, 3400 Civic Center Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hillary Wicai Viers, Communications Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue NW, Suite C-100, Washington, DC 20005. Telephone: 202-233-3960. E-mail: *Hillary.Viers@bioethics.gov*. Additional information may be obtained at *www.bioethics.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given of the twenty-first meeting of the Commission. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. The meeting will also be webcast at *www.bioethics.gov*.

Under authority of E. O. 13521, dated November 24, 2009, the President established the Commission. The Commission is an expert panel of not more than 13 members who are drawn from the fields of bioethics, science, medicine, technology, engineering, law, philosophy, theology, or other areas of the humanities or social sciences. The Commission advises the President on bioethical issues arising from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The Commission seeks to identify and promote policies and practices that

ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in a socially and ethically responsible manner.

The main agenda items for the Commission's twenty-first meeting are to discuss the role of deliberation and deliberative methods to engage the public and inform debate in bioethics, and how to integrate public dialogue into the bioethics conversation; bioethics education as a forum for fostering deliberative skills, and preparing students to participate in public dialogue in bioethics; goals and methods of bioethics education; and integrating bioethics education across a range of professional disciplines and educational levels. The draft meeting agenda and other information about the Commission, including information about access to the webcast, will be available at [www.bioethics.gov](http://www.bioethics.gov).

The Commission welcomes input from anyone wishing to provide public comment on any issue before it. Respectful debate of opposing views and active participation by citizens in public exchange of ideas enhances overall public understanding of the issues at hand and conclusions reached by the Commission. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving comments and questions during the meeting that are responsive to specific sessions. Written comments will be accepted at the registration desk and comment forms will be provided to members of the public in order to write down questions and comments for the Commission as they arise. To accommodate as many individuals as possible, the time for each question or comment may be limited. If the number of individuals wishing to pose a question or make a comment is greater than can reasonably be accommodated during the scheduled meeting, the Commission may make a random selection.

Written comments will also be accepted in advance of the meeting and are especially welcome. Please address written comments by email to *info@bioethics.gov*, or by mail to the following address: Public Commentary, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue NW, Suite C-100, Washington, D.C. 20005. Comments will be publicly available, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that they contain. Trade secrets should not be submitted.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who needs special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify Esther Yoo by telephone at (202) 233-3960, or email at *Esther.Yoo@bioethics.gov* in advance of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate persons who need special assistance.

Dated: April 22, 2015.

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